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1. SUMMARY: CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT QUOTES STATE'S RUSH AS SAYING KISSINGER MAY VISIT PEKING END OF OCTOBER AND QUOTES AUTHORITATIVE WASHINGTON SOURCE SAYING KISSINGER HAS ASSURED TAIPEI HE WILL NOT DISCUSS ANYTHING HARMFUL TO ROC INTERESTS WHILE IN PEKING. OTHER PAPERS CARRIED LENGTHY COMMENTARIES ON POSSIBLE KISSINGER MOVES AND HIS MODUS OPERANDI. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW OCTOBER 2 QUOTED STATE'S RUSH AS SAYING KISSINGER MAY VISIT PEKING IN LATE OCTOBER. ALSO QUOTED WASHINGTON AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE AS SAYING KISSINGER HAS ASSURED TAIPEI HE WILL NOT DISCUSS ANYTHING HARMFUL TO ROC INTERESTS WHILE IN PEKING. IN SEPARATE REPORT CHOW NOTED KISSINGER WAS ABSENT AT HUANG CHENG'S NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION.

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3. TAIWANESE OWNED INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST, DISCUSSING KISSINGER'S BALANCE-OF-POWER POLICIES IN LENGTHY BYLINER RUNNING OVER TWO DAYS ASKED; WAS MOSCOW-PEKING TENSION DESIGNED TO LURE U.S. INTO TRAP, DID COMMUNISTS DELIBERATELY USE U.S. DESIRE FOR DETENTE TO GAIN RESPITE FOR VITAL BUILDUP, OR HAVE MOSCOW-PEKING LEADERS ACTUALLY BEEN PLAYING WITH AMERICA'S NAIVETY AND CREDULITY? PAPER THOUGHT ONE OF THREE REASONS MUST BE PART OF BEDROCK ON WHICH PRESENT TRIPARTITE RELATIONS BASED AND FEARED A "SECOND YALTA" AT EXPENSE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST ASIAN NATIONS. PAPER ASKED, WOULD JAPAN'S PARTICIPATION IN NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER ENUNCIATED BY KISSINGER BE BEGINNING OF U.S. ABANDONMENT OF REST OF ASIA?

4. CHINA TIMES OCTOBER 2 PREDICTED CHANGE IN KISSINGER'S MODUS OPERANDI IN DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITIES TO SUBORDINATES SINCE U.S.-USSR RELATIONS, MIDEAST CRISIS AND EUROPEAN ALLIANCE TALKS TOO MUCH FOR ONE MAN TO HANDLE.

5. TA HUA EVENING NEWS OCTOBER 1 NEW YORK DISPATCH FROM SHANG HSUEH-HENG DISCUSSED U.S. FOREIGN POLICY UNDER KISSINGER AND REASONED THAT U.S., AS A FULL-FLEDGED CAPITALISTIC NATION, HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REMAIN ANTI-COMMUNIST.
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